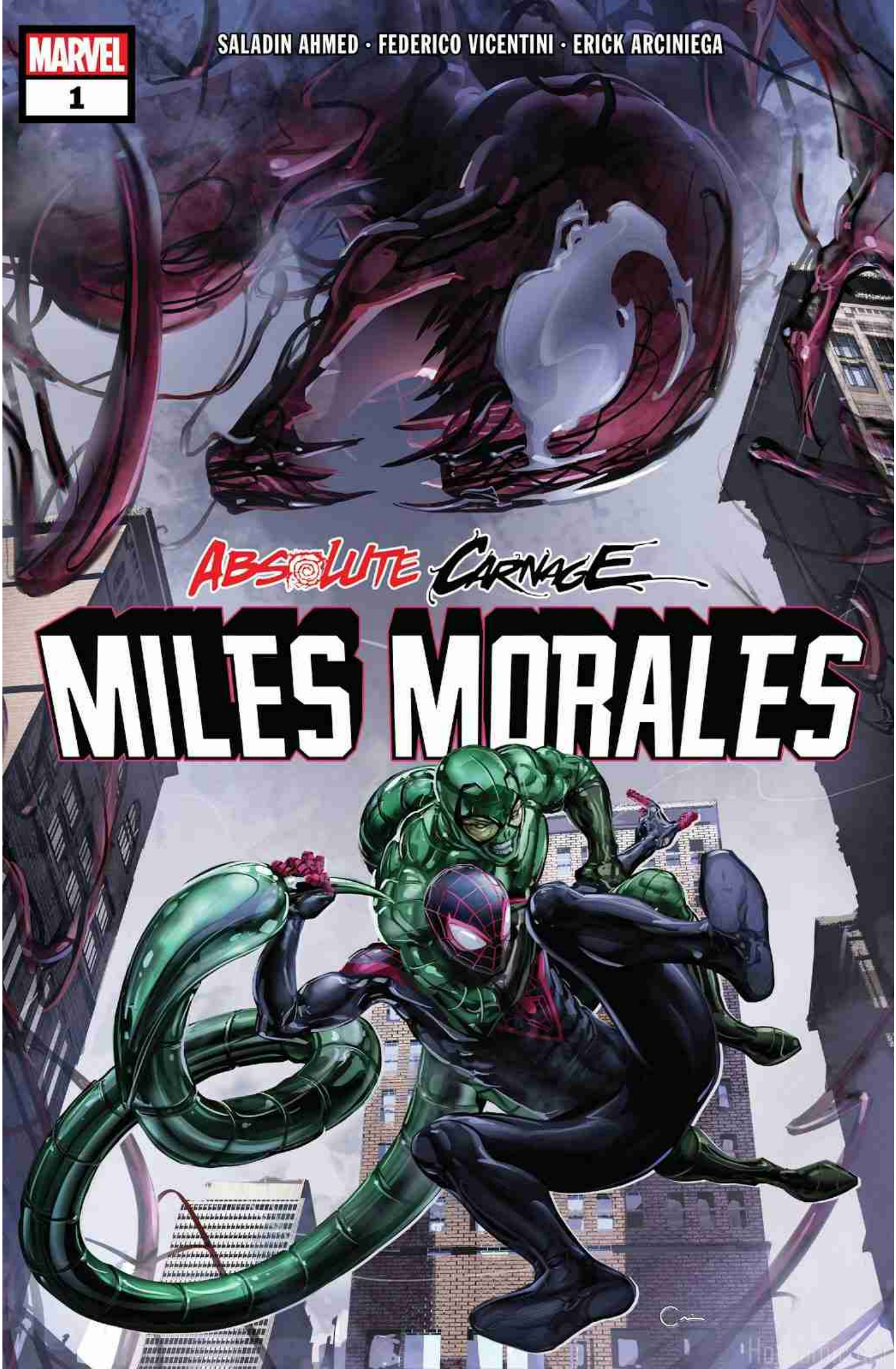
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE
MILES MORALES

SOHO,
NEW YORK CITY.
AT LONG LAST, THE GREAT MILES MORALES IS BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES! AND ALL IT TOOK...
...WAS A PAIR OF SNEAKERS.
I HAVE TO HAVE THEM, GANKE.
I WILL HAVE THEM!
UH...HOW? THEY COST $300. HAVE YOU EVER IN YOUR LIFE HAD $300 AT ONE TIME?
YOU KNOW WHAT MY MOM SAYS--
MONEY DOESN'T JUST FALL FROM THE--
BOOM
NO WAY.
MONEY! FROM THE SKY!
WHAT IN THE--
LOOK OUT!

YOU PUNKS HAD YOUR CHANCE. COULDA GIVEN THE GOODS UP NICE AND EASY. NOW THE SCORPION HAS TO HURT YOU.
HELP!

I'VE GOT TO--
I KNOW, DUDE. I'LL COVER WITH YOUR FOLKS. JUST... BE CAREFUL.
NOT A LOT OF PRIVATE SPOTS FOR CHANGING IN SOHO ON A SATURDAY. THANK GOODNESS FOR MY CAMOUFLAGE POWER.
OKAY, I LIED. I DON'T HAVE TO HURT YOU. I WANT TO.
THWIP!
YOU SCARED? YOU SHOULD B--HUH?!
LOOK, SCORPION, I KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE SNEAKERS YOU WANT, BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OUT ON INNOCENT PEOPLE.
SPIDER-MAN!

YEARS AGO, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER AND GAINED INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE ABILITIES: THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERS AND TOES, THE POWER TO DIRECT A BIO-ELECTRIC CHARGE LIKE A STING, TO CAMOUFLAGE HIMSELF TO THE POINT OF INVISIBILITY, AND TO DETECT APPROACHING DANGER USING HIS PRECOGNITIVE "SPIDER-SENSE." HE HID THESE ABILITIES AT FIRST, UNTIL A HERO INSPIRED HIM TO USE THEM TO TRY TO MAKE THE WORLD MORE JUST.

HE'S CROSSED PATHS WITH VENOM BEFORE, BUT NO EXPERIENCE–IN THIS WORLD OR ANY OTHER–COULD PREPARE HIM FOR WHAT'S DESCENDING ON NEW YORK CITY NOW…

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE

MILES MORALES

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OR SHOULD I SAY SPIDER-MAN JUNIOR? YOU'RE THAT BROOKLYN WANNABE I KEEP HEARING ABOUT. SO WHAT DO I CALL YOU?
THWIP!
THWIP!
HOW ABOUT SIR?
RRRRRRIPPP
SIR. THAT'S CUTE.
BUT I'M GOING TO KILL YOU NOW, LITTLE MAN.

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MOMMY, SPIDER-MAN CRASHED!
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, SEBASTIAN!
OWWWWWW
WOW, THAT HURT.
SPIDER-MAN JUNIOR! YOU STILL BREATHING? LET'S CHANGE THAT!
TRY AND HIT WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE, CHUMP!
NOW, HAVE A LITTLE VENOM BLAST, PSYCHO!
ARRRGGHHHH!
BZZZZZZZ!

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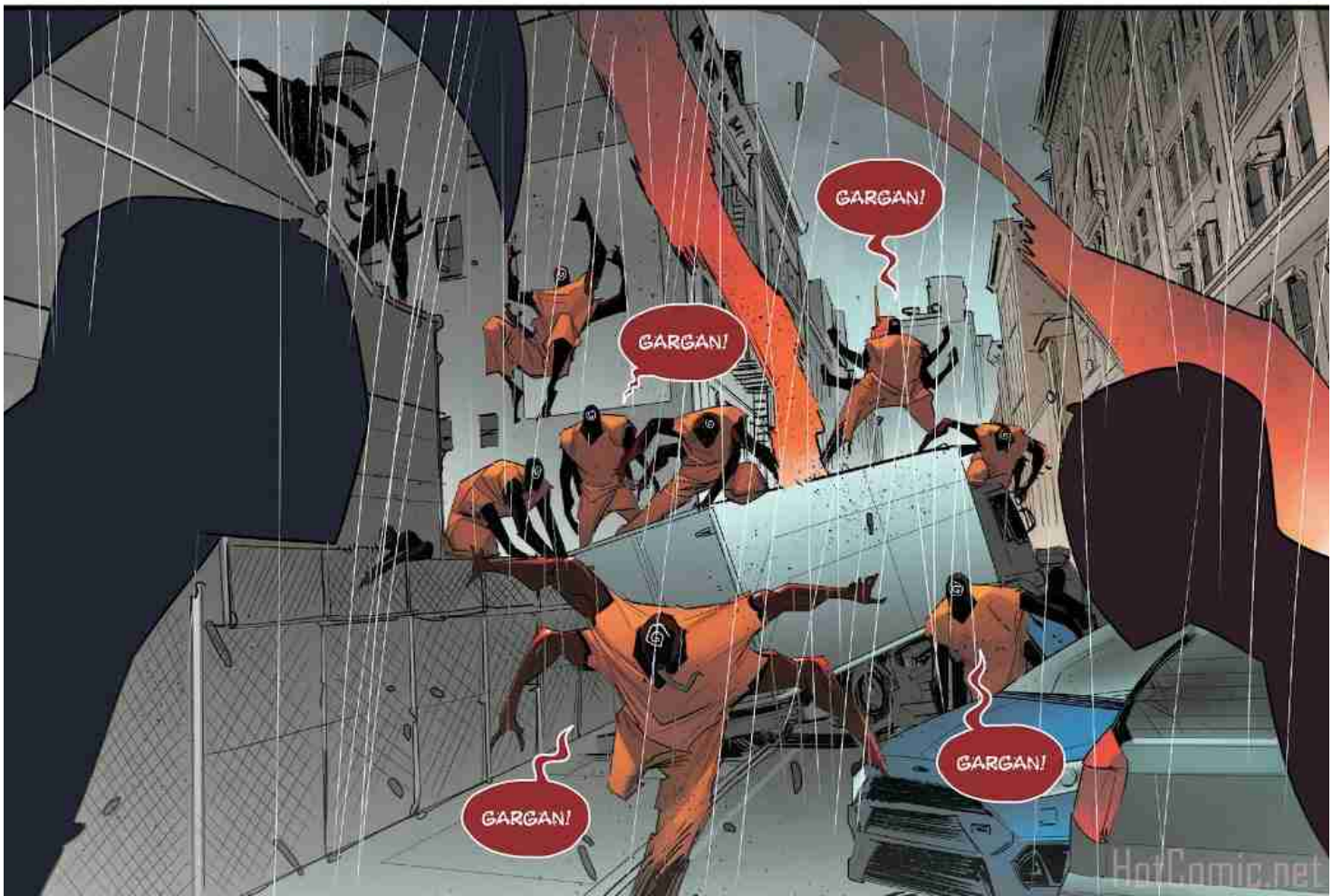

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UH... FRIENDS OF YOURS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT--
GARGAN!
GARGAN!
GARGAN!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU FREAKS?
GARGAN!
HEY!
GET OFF ME!
GARGAN!
I CAN'T LET YOU EAT THIS GUY! HE'S GOT TO GO TO JAIL!
KILL!
KILL!
OH GREAT, I GOT THEIR ATTENTION.
KILL!

KILL!
SEE, NOW YOU'RE MAKING IT PERSONAL.
KILL!

THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL BOTH OF US. TRUCE?
FOR NOW.

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS? WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE?
I DUNNO. BUT THOSE UNIFORMS... THESE ARE INMATES FROM RAVENCROFT--YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY PUT REAL PSYCHOS. THAT HUGE ONE HAS THE SAME TATTOO AS HAPPY DAN ANDREWS...

HAPPY DAN ANDREWS THE SERIAL KILLER?!
BLZZZZZT!
SOMEONE'S DONE SOMETHING TO THESE GUYS--I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHO.

HOLD UP...THAT SPIRAL.

"I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.

"ON SOMEONE WHO TRIED TO KILL ME.

"IT'S THE MARK OF SOMETHING ANCIENT AND EVIL."

SOMEONE ELSE IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS. THESE THINGS ARE PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO HURT THEM!
THWIP

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PLEASE. WE CAN DO THIS WITHOUT KILLING THEM!
MAYBE, BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

ARRGH! DAMN THINGS ARE STRONG!
THEIR BREATH IS NO JOKE, EITHER!

TOO MANY OF 'EM! ONLY WAY I'M GONNA MAKE IT OUTTA HERE...
...IS IF YOU SLOW THESE CREEPS DOWN FOR ME.
THUNK!
HUH?
EVEN WITH SPIDER-SENSE I DIDN'T SEE IT COMING. TOO TRUSTING.
WELL, THAT WAS DUMB, MAC. THE KID COULD'VE HELPED YOU AGAINST...

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YES AND NO. CARNAGE AND SO MUCH MORE.
OH, MAC! YOU WORE A PIECE OF US ONCE. YOU STILL HAVE AN IIIITSY-BITSY PIECE OF US IN YOU.
GAH!
WE NEED THAT PIECE, MAC. WE'RE GONNA TEAR YOUR SPINE OUT NOW TO GET IT.
YEEEARGH!
N-NO.
WHAT--

CAN'T LET YOU...
BZZZZZT!
RRRRGGH!
GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE. HE'S GONNA KILL ME!
HE'S NOT GONNA KILL YOU, GARGAN.
NOT IF YOU COME WITH ME.
VENOM. THE SIGHT OF HIM LETS LOOSE MEMORIES FROM ANOTHER LIFETIME.

BUT JUST LIKE THAT, HE'S HERE AND GONE.
AND I'M ALONE AGAINST A HORDE OF MONSTERS.
JUST ME, THEN. IT'LL HAVE TO BE ENOUGH.
COME ON, THEN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, BUT YOU NEED TO BE STOPPED BEFORE YOU HURT ANYONE ELSE.
I GOTTA DO IT BY MYSELF. IT WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME.
IT'LL BE THE LAST TIME. YOU'LL NEVER BE ALONE AGAIN, KID.
BRING HIM INTO THE FOLD.

N-NO! STAY BACK!
SLRRRK
SLRRRRK
SLRRRK

GET OFF ME!

I TRY TO USE MY VENOM STRIKE, BUT IT'S NO USE. THEY'VE ATTACHED TO ME, DRAINING MY STRENGTH. HARD TO THINK. HARD TO--

YOU'RE STRONG. WE CAN *FEEL* YOU TRYING TO FIGHT BACK. BUT IT'S NO USE. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BECOME WHAT YOU REALLY ARE...

A PERFECT LITTLE MONSTER.
TO BE CONTINUED..

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Hello, Venomaniacs, and welcome to another installment of Cletus' Clubhouse!

And, unless you've been living under a rock, you already know that it's the summer of slaughter as ABSOLUTE CARNAGE continues.

If you're picking this issue up, you've probably been keeping up with the main event of the series—but if you haven't, GO BUY IT AND READ IT NOW! RIGHT NOW! You're probably terribly confused!

Are you all caught up? GOOD!

At the time of this writing, ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1 and #2 and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SEPARATION ANXIETY #1 have been sent to the printer but aren't on sale in comic shops yet! So we don't have any letters from you symbiotic superfans out there in Mighty Marveldom yet to flesh out this very letters page. BUT YOU CAN FIX THAT! Got a bone to pick about continuity? Drop us a line at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM and mark it "OKAY TO PRINT," and it may wind up in our next issue!

ITEM: Fortunately, for yours truly, there's no shortage of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE news to share, including some about this very comics mag!

This event is a love letter to all the Venom stories that have come before—a violent, scary love letter from a bloodthirsty extraterrestrial, but a love letter just the same.

But it's not enough for Donny and Ryan, with JP and Frank, to wax nostalgic. No way. This is a team of creators who are DEDICATED to bringing you as many scares and uncomfortable squirms that they can muster—and as you've seen for yourself, that's a lot.

If you thought what happened to Miles and Scorpion was bad, you may not be ready for what comes next!

ITEM: But amongst all the terror and action, we're also looking to EXPAND the Marvel Mythos wherever we can, and we've been lucky enough to expand the VENOM family with this event!

We knew from the beginning that we wanted Miles Morales to play a big part in ABSOLUTE CARNAGE. He and Venom have history, and he came face-to-face with Knull in Donny and Ryan's opening arc.

And the only man for bringing that story to life is Saladin Ahmed, the Eisner-winning writer of the ongoing Miles Morales series! Saladin obviously writes a great Miles/Spider-Man, but it's the way he writes Mac Gargan that REALLY excited me about being able to bring him into the fold of the event.

I dunno about you, but reading the script, I found Saladin's take on Mac TERRIFYING. It's not every day that you can reinvigorate a character who's been through so much as Mac, but here Saladin is, making him a bloodthirsty killer—and I'm HERE for it.

But comics are an illustrated medium, and for this series, we were lucky enough to be joined by Federico Vincentini, doing his first work for Marvel. This may be

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his debut, but you'd never know it looking at Federico's pages. His work has a real energy and kineticism to it, and I can't wait for you to see what he's done in issue #2...!

Add in series editor Kathleen Wisneski, who knows the Spider-World inside and out, and you've got a recipe for a story that'll leave you reeling in the best way possible—and it's on sale RIGHT NOW!

ITEM: But a story all about Carnage wouldn't be complete without his cronies, and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS is all about 'em, and one of the most ruthless books I've ever worked on. The characters are creepy, the monsters are scary and there's a real grim energy to the whole thing.

(Maybe the demonic resurrection has something to do with that?)

When it came time to bring this story to life, we knew Frank Tieri was the only man for the job. The comics equivalent of a soldier of fortune, Frank came in on a chopper and wielding an M16—pitching a story about a mental asylum, a lycan and a whole lot of symbiote goo.

He's a madman, but I think you'll agree he's got the goods.

And so does illustrator Flaviano! Flaviano turned heads on BLACK WIDOW, and we knew his violent, moody sensibilities would breathe terrifying life into Frank's scripts! Just look at that Carnage/Demagoblin kiss—makes my SKIN CRAWL!

That's it for us in this one, Venomaniacs! Keep your eyes peeled at your local comic shop for the line of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE tie-ins as the summer of slaughter continues!

And remember: Tell your shop that you want the best, and this summer, the best is CARNAGE! #carnagerules

Stay Sharp,
Devin

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE CHECKLIST

AUGUST
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #2
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: MILES MORALES #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SEPARATION ANXIETY #1
X VENOM #17

SEPTEMBER
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #3
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: MILES MORALES #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE:
GHOST RIDER - SYMBIOTE OF VENGEANCE #1
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: AVENGERS #1
VENOM #18
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #30

OCTOBER
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #3
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #3
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #3
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: IMMORTAL HULK #1
VENOM #19
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #31

NOVEMBER
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #5
VENOM #20

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